NREGA Programmes under execution

2404. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) in how many districts NREGA programmes are in execution;

(b) in which districts the NREGA programmes could not be started, though sanctioned;

(c) whether there are demands from different States to include more districts in the fold of NREGA;

(d) if so, the steps to be taken to concede to the demands in the coming years; and

(e) whether Government would be able to execute NREGA in all the districts before five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) NREG Act, 2005 has been launched in 200 identified districts in the country in the first phase. As on date, the programme has been started in all these districts.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Requests have been received from State Governments for inclusion of more districts under NREG Act. The names of these districts have been forwarded to Planning Commission for inclusion in the second phase of implementation of the Act.

(e) Section 1(3) of NREG Act provides that the Act is to be implemented in the whole country within a period of five years. NREG Act has already been implemented in 200 districts with effect from 2.2.2006. Extension of the Act to more districts in the second phase is already under consideration of the Government.

Metalling of road under PMGSY in Pauri Garhwal

2405. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Pauri-Satyakhal-Dehalchouri,